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SUBJECT: OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: JOINT MEETING
OF SUB-GROUP BUREAUS, JAN. 21-22.

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1. JAN. 21-22 MEETING IS FOR SUB-GROUP (SECTOR GROUPS
AND SCIE) BUREAU MEMBERS ONLY, WITH PERMDELS OBSERVERS.
SECRETARIAT HAS INFORMED CAWLEY, THOMPSON, MILLER, EPA.
TRAVEL AT COUNTRY EXPENSE. SUB-GROUP BUREAUS WILL
ALSO MEET SEPARATELY. COMPLETE TIMETABLE AS FOLLOWS:

JAN 20: 9:30 A.M. SEPARATE BUREAU MEETINGS. 3 P.M.

JOINT BUREAUS MEETING. JAN 21. AS JAN. 20.

JAN.22-24, SCIE.

2. TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION PROVISIONALLY AS PER REF (B)
PARA 2, PLUS ITEM ON IMPACT STATEMENTS. SECRETARIAT
HAS PREPARED THUMBNAIL NOTES ON EACH ITEM TO INITIATE
DISCUSSION. (COPIES AIRPOUCHED BENGELSDORF, OES;
PORTER, EPA).

3. PURPOSE JOINT BUREAU MEETING IS PRELIMINARY INFORMAL
DISCUSSION POSSIBLE SHAPE FUTURE ENVCOM PROGRAM IN LIGHT
NOVEMBER 1974 ENVIRONMENT MINISTERIAL, WITH IDENTIFICA-
TION OF PRIORITY AREAS REQUIRING MULTI-GROUP INPUT.
US PREPARATION MIGHT USEFULLY BE MEETING OF INTER-
AGENCY GROUP, WEEK OF JAN.13, TO IDENTIFY US PRIORITY
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AREAS, WITH A SHORT-LIST SPECIFIC PROJECTS. INTER-

AGENCY GROUP COULD THEN REVIEW US POSITIONS FOR MARCH ENVCOM PLENARY IN FRAMEWORK JAN. BUREAU DISCUSSIONS.

4. MISSION FEELS THAT FORTHCOMING BUREAU MEETINGS WILL BE FRUITFUL ONLY IF A SERIOUS ATTEMPT IS MADE TOWARDS RESTRUCTURING ENVCOM'S WORK BY FOCUSSED ON FEWER CLEARLY DEFINED, TIME-CONSTRAINED SPECIFICS IN EACH OF BROAD AREAS FOR DISCUSSION. OVERALL SCOPE OF TOPICS SO VAST THAT, IN FUTURE, TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR SUB-GROUP PROJECTS WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL DRAFTING, WITH A REQUIREMENT FOR VIRTUALLY CONTINUOUS MONITORING OF PROGRESS, IF RESULTS ARE TO HAVE DISCERNIBLE RELEVANCE TO MEMBER-COUNTRY GOVERNMENT OBJECTIVES. MISSION RECOMMENDS AT THIS JUNCTURE THAT US BUREAU MEMBERS, SEEK SUPPORT FOR ABOVE ATTITUDE TO THE REVISED WORK-PROGRAM, AND CRITICALLY QUESTION PROPOSALS FOR STUDIES THAT ARE NOT EXPLICITLY RELATED TO SUCH DISCERNIBLE OBJECTIVES.

5. SEE SEPARATE MESSAGE ON SMETS VISIT AND PAPER.
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